

## **SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Central Coast Water Board is currently reviewing a Clean Water Act section 401 Water Quality Certification application for the project described below. We encourage public comments on the proposed project and will take comments into consideration when taking action on the application. You may submit written comments on this project to:

Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101

San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Attention: 401 Coordinator

OR

centralcoast@waterboards.ca.gov

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**Project Applicant:** Meritage Homeowner's Association – David Draper

**Applicant's Agent:** Pamela Peterson – Live Oaks Associates

**Project Name:** Meritage Homeowner's Association Grading Abatement Dam Removal

**Receiving Water:** Unnamed intermittent channel that is a tributary to Bodfish Creek

**City/County:** Gilroy / Santa Clara

**Public Notice:** March 20, 2020 – April 10, 2020

### **Project Description:**

The purpose of the proposed project is to abate unpermitted grading that resulted in the construction of a dam and created a pond within an intermittent unnamed stream.

The proposed project activities include:

- De-watering of a manmade pond;
- Removing the dam;
- Filling the pond with materials removed from the dam;
- Re-grading the cut area located to the west of the dam along the existing dirt road;
- Re-grading of cut and fill areas located along the roadcut to the southeast of the dam and pond; and
- Restoring mixed oak woodland habitat in areas impacted within the footprints of the dam and created pond.

Proposed Mitigation: Restoring 412 linear feet of streambed.

Santa Clara County filed a Mitigated Negative Declaration on July 26, 2019.